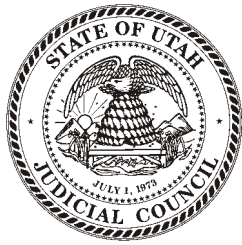


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UTAH COURT OF APPEALS TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION

WHAT: The Utah Court of Appeals, which typically holds court in the Scott M. Matheson Courthouse, will be holding a special session in Moab in April. Periodically the court holds sessions in other locations to provide an opportunity to enhance public understanding of the court's work and of the judiciary in general. Hearings are open to the public.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to approx. 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Grand County Courthouse, 125 East Center Street, Moab
435-259-1350

WHO: A panel of three judges from the Utah Court of Appeals.
Judge Gregory K. Orme
Judge Norman H. Jackson
Judge William A. Thorne, Jr.

CALENDAR: The oral argument calendar for April 12 will include the following case:
Moab Citizens Alliance v. Grand County. The case involves Grand County's annexation of some 2,000 acres of school trust lands into the Spanish Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District to facilitate the proposed "Cloudrock" resort development in the Johnson's Up-On-Top Mesa area southeast of Moab.

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PHOTOGRAPHY:

One pool still photographer and one pool video camera will be allowed into the court session. To request to be a pool photographer, please contact Nancy Volmer in the court's Public Information Office at (801) 578-3994 by April 4.

BACKGROUND:

The Utah Court of Appeals primarily reviews decisions by Utah's trial courts. The appeals court is made up of seven judges who are appointed by the Governor to serve six-year terms. The court hears cases in panels of three judges. The Utah Court of Appeals was created in 1987 as a means of handling the increasing appellate caseload facing the Utah Supreme Court.

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